

members of his family welcomed him home to Minnesota along with a traditional water salute on the airstrip of Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. Neal Todd was finally returned to his hometown of Akeley, Minnesota, 80 years after his death for a funeral service before being buried in his final resting place next to his mother and father.

I hope my fellow Members of Congress can join me in honoring Navy Fireman First Class Neal K. Todd and commend the efforts by the DOD and families like Neal's in bringing our honorable lost back home to rest. I thank them.

RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES "JIM"
HAROLD RABBERS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. James "Jim" Harold Rabbers of Stevensville, Michigan who passed away on October 11, 2021.

Jim was a true Michigander through and through. He was a loving husband, and caring father and friend to all. Born and raised in Southwest Michigan, he attended Lakeshore High School and went on to attend Western Michigan University. After college, Jim went on to sell insurance and build warm relationships throughout the Stevensville community. He was a fan of all sports and had a special place in his heart for the Wolverines. He could talk sports all day long, but his real gift was forming friendships that stood the test of time.

Jim participated in sports throughout high school and played and officiated intramural sports in college. He even met the love of his life, Mary, playing softball and volleyball at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Mary had just come into town as a new teacher at a local school. The pair quickly bonded over their love of sports and competitive spirits and married in the summer of 1986. They became parents to four wonderful children: Derek Rabbers (Claire), Chelsea Rabbers, Megan Spaude (Jason), and Travis Rabbers. Jim and Mary have been blessed with three grandchildren: Wesley, Jay and Samuel Rabbers.

Jim is survived by his wife, four children, daughter and son-in-law, three grandchildren, his brothers: Thom (Rhonda) Rabbers and Dan (Diana) Rabbers, his sisters: Susan (Robert) Vandervleit and Jodi Rabbers, as well as a number of extended family members.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE
OF 2020 VETERAN OF THE YEAR
GARTH D. LLOYD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Garth D. Lloyd for his recognition as the 2020 Veteran of the Year.

Garth Lloyd was born and raised in Rochester, New York. In 1969, Mr. Lloyd was drafted into the U.S. Army and deployed to Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regi-

ment, 25th Infantry Division as an 11 Bravo, Infantryman. Coincidentally, Mr. Lloyd's former battalion is now assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum.

While bravely defending his country, Mr. Lloyd was seriously wounded in action by a booby trap on February 12, 1970 and evacuated to the United States. Subsequently, Garth was medically discharged as a Specialist 4th class. For his courageous service, Mr. Lloyd was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

After the war, Mr. Lloyd continued to serve his community by working at the water treatment plant in the city of Saratoga Springs. Upon his retirement in 2012, Garth began volunteering at the Saratoga County VA Mentor Program, where he served as a mentor and friend to numerous disabled veterans. Mr. Lloyd has also spent many years volunteering his time as a docent at the New York State Military Museum. He works closely with the Docent Advisory Committee and the education opportunity program, which engages middle and high school students visiting the museum. Mr. Lloyd, and his wife Diane, have instilled their commitment to service in their son, a physician's assistant at Albany Medical Center, and their three grandchildren.

The Veteran of the Year Award is a prestigious recognition co-sponsored by the Friends of the New York State Military Museum and the Capital District of New York Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Garth Lloyd has led a life devoted to selfless service and volunteerism and it is clear why he was chosen as the 2020 Veteran of the Year. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Garth for his service and congratulate him on his recognition as the 2020 Veteran of the Year.

RECOGNIZING HANEEN OMAR FOR
HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Haneen Omar. A brilliant entrepreneur and dedicated civil servant, Haneen has made it her life's work to aid the underprivileged and make our community a better place to live.

Many American families struggle to find quality caregiving for their loved-ones, forcing them to shoulder the immense responsibility themselves. In 2016, Haneen recognized this need in our community and founded the 2nd Home Adult Day Service Center of Aurora to provide the elderly and individuals with disabilities daytime programming, emotional support, and assistance with healthcare issues. Haneen designed 2nd Home to provide the highest quality care to these individuals so family members and caregivers can take a break and relieve stress—all while maintaining the much-needed peace of mind that their loved ones are in safe hands.

Haneen did not stop there. In 2019, she founded Helm Community Services (HCS), and this past August, HCS organized the second annual "Taste of the Middle East" festival

to celebrate the Middle Eastern culture that is such a rich part of our community. Community members from every walk of life came together to listen to Middle Eastern artists and try Middle Eastern staples like Manoshe, Turkish Coffee Cup Reading, Henna, and delicious food from local restaurants. Our community is stronger for its embrace of diversity.

Throughout Haneen's career, she has been a tireless advocate for those who are all-too-often marginalized. Driven by her mission to bring the community together—regardless of beliefs, race, or cultural background—Haneen has found unbelievable strength in differences and diversity. I congratulate Haneen on her incredible achievements and express my sincere gratitude for her dedication, leadership, and service to our community.

HONORING LAKE FOREST CHARTER
SCHOOL OF NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize New Orleans' own Lake Forest Charter School and its designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This is the second time in the last decade that Lake Forest has received this honor, only one of eight in the entire state of Louisiana and one of 325 schools across the nation.

This recognition is particularly important because Lake Forest Charter School is fairly unique among the list of Blue Ribbon schools.

The student population is 99 percent students of color, and 71 percent of students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Lake Forest Charter School is a living example of how schools can create a space that allows their students to thrive and succeed at the highest levels.

This week, Blue Ribbon Schools are being celebrated at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Department of Education.

It is my sincere honor to add my voice to the chorus of congratulations for Lake Forest's students, teachers, and staff.

Additionally, I want to add a special acknowledgment for Mardele Simmons Early, who is a recipient of the 2021 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership.

Congratulations.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CHARLES LOUIS GUBITOSI

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Charles Louis Gubitosi. Born on November 11, 1926 and growing up in Newfield, New Jersey. Mr. Gubitosi joined the Navy at the young age of seventeen during World War II, answering the call to serve. Upon leaving the service at the

end of the war he began working in a clothing factory producing men's suits. He met his wife on the pocket set of the factory, marrying in 1944. Mr. Gubitosi has worked tirelessly his entire life tailoring, bartending, and landscaping, and notably commuting by bus in every type of weather. Since 2000, Mr. Gubitosi has called Florida home. Our great state is lucky to have Mr. Gubitosi as a resident and I am thankful for his service and sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on November 2, 2021, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4481, the Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4481.

RECOGNIZING VINSON CHAPEL AME'S 100TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vinson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church which is celebrating its 100th year of service to the community of Clinton Charter Township, Michigan.

Vinson Chapel AME is one of Macomb County's historic Black congregations, growing out of a prayer group first organized by Lewis and Betty Vinson in 1921. The members initially met in the Vinson family's home. Soon, the budding congregation moved to an outdoor tent to accommodate a larger prayer group. After conducting services in different spaces over the years, the congregation joyfully arrived on Sunday, May 22, 1977 to their current sanctuary on Quinn Road in Clinton Township.

Over the decades, Vinson Chapel AME has established itself as an important spiritual center in Macomb County, going above and beyond to serve congregants as well as the greater community. The congregation has organized countless reading programs, educational workshops, voting drives, Census drives, and so much more. Most recently, when the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted in-person services, the church adapted to virtual livestreams to keep the congregation safe and prevent the spread of the virus. Under the determined leadership of Reverend Twylla Lucas, the church rose to meet the additional needs of the community in this challenging moment, organizing vaccination clinics and distributing essential supplies.

I am proud to have the honor of recognizing this important centennial for the Vinson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vinson Chapel AME on one hundred years of ministry and service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 348.

HONORING AIREEN SNYDER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Aireen Snyder, a community leader and President of the Filipino American Association of Iowa, as Iowan of the Week.

Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of our state, with people from all different backgrounds coming together to form an incredible community in Iowa. There is no better way to celebrate this diversity than with Filipino Heritage Month and Aireen Snyder, who has worked tirelessly to promote the values of community and diversity throughout our state.

Arriving in Iowa from the Philippines in 2008, Aireen quickly became involved with the thriving Filipino community. She has played an active role in the Filipino American Association, chairing several committees, editing the newsletter and now is President. Perhaps most impressive was her leadership in creating a Filipino Language class. With language being such a valuable aspect of culture, Aireen developed an entire curriculum and worked with Des Moines Area Community College to host a course that was very well attended.

Aireen holds a great amount of pride for the history and legacy of the Filipino American Association of Iowa. The association formed in 1975 with the goal of promoting and enhancing cultural and heritage awareness of the Philippines among Iowans. This important mission is carried out through a variety of events and initiatives. For example, as President, Aireen has overseen the humanitarian and charitable aid that the association offers to its community, including legal assistance and college scholarships. Most notably, the organization raised \$14,000 following the "super typhoon" in the Philippines. The funds were used to support a variety of non-profit organizations in the country, including the Filipino Red Cross.

Community events are also an important aspect of the Filipino American Association of Iowa and Aireen's work as president. Events range from Christmas parties, parol lantern making, and most recently the Des Moines "Celebrasian" hosted by the Iowa Asian Alliance. The association proudly hosted three booths featuring Filipino food, clothing and traditions.

With nearly 5,000 Filipino Americans residing in Iowa, it is only fitting that we honor such an impactful leader and community builder, Aireen Snyder, for Filipino Heritage month. Her commitment to her culture and home

country is a testament to the beautiful diversity in Iowa that makes our state stronger. I am humbled and inspired by Aireen's work for the Filipino community of Iowa. It is my honor to name her Iowan of the Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, due to a medical issue, I missed votes on the passage of H.R. 4481, the Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act, H.R. 4531, the 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act, and H.R. 4515, the Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 351, Roll Call No. 352, and Roll Call No. 353.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARR CENTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Carr Center in Detroit, Michigan as they celebrate thirty years of preserving, presenting, promoting, and developing African and African-American cultural arts traditions within our multicultural community in southeastern Michigan.

Founded in 1991 as the Arts League of Michigan, the Carr Center has worked to fulfill its mission of bringing artistic excellence with a wide array of programming to the communities of Detroit. Building upon its initial creative placemaking, the Carr Center has become a destination and hub for the performing arts in Detroit.

In order to bring outstanding artistry to the community, the Carr Center has implemented three pillars of programming—Carr Center Presents and Carr Center Contemporary focus on performing and visual arts, while the Carr Center Arts Academy offers in-school and intensive summer arts education opportunities.

Please join me in recognizing the Carr Center's numerous contributions to southeastern Michigan over the past three decades as we wish them well in the years to come. Carr Center is a true gem in the communities of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

CORRECTING ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE'S DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the malicious, false, and defamatory statements printed in Rolling Stone Magazine about me.

Every statement about me in the October 24 article was false or misleading. Moreover, the